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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.


In the Specification:

Please amend the specification, page 10, lines 24-26, by deleting the following sentence:

--Hence, unlike waterblocking coatings previously known in the art, the coating composition of this invention is in the form of a true solution having substantially no particulate components.--

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